

## Demonstration of NEWA to Vegetable Growers in Washington County

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After the disastrous lightning hits of 1998, we were hoping 1999 would give us better luck. Unfortunately, 1999 was no better. The weather station at CJ Hayes farm initially had wireless phone jacks installed but these proved to be troublesome. It was decided to go back to the hard wire jack system and hope for the best. The weather station worked for about a month but then in late June was hit by lightning again. The Hayes farm seems to be in a location that favors storms coming over the mountain and directly onto our station. I have talked to the growers in the area and we will try and relocate the station to another less lightning susceptible location for 2000. I will not request funds for that trial. If the station works for a complete season than maybe I will request grant funds in 2001. Growers are still interested in the demonstration and look forward to the coming year.

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